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Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that the October half term is almost upon us. I hope that your child has settled in well to the new term and is enjoying their time in school. At Pathfinder, we are committed to delivering the best education possible to the more than 4,000 students across all ten of our schools. Our focus this year is to ensure all children receive the support they need to achieve their full potential and will not be disadvantaged by the events of the past 18 months.

Key to this is ensuring teachers have the training and resources they need to best support their students in the classroom. The new Pathfinder Teaching School Hub (based at Archbishop Holgate's School) is coordinating professional development for teachers across York, Ryedale and Scarborough as part of a regional recovery offer focusing on high quality teaching, targeted academic support and non-academic wider strategies. Staff in our schools will benefit from the wide range of opportunities on offer to help make a real impact on students' wellbeing and outcomes.

For more information about Pathfinder Teaching School Hub and its role in teacher training and development across the region, watch our new animated video: <https://youtu.be/uf7e-Elcno>.

The first half of the autumn term is always a busy time across the Trust and has been even more so this year with no less than two Ofsted inspections taking place at Archbishop Holgate's School and Hempland Primary School. The inspections were a really positive experience and a fantastic opportunity for staff and students to share the strengths of each school. The outcomes of the inspections are currently confidential but I look forward to sharing these with families when the reports are published. Thank you to the parents and carers at both schools for your support and positive responses to the Ofsted Parent View questions.

As Headteacher of Archbishop Holgate's, I was delighted to see so many Year 6 children and families at open evening earlier this term. Despite hosting a successful virtual open evening last year, nothing compares to seeing the school in person and having the opportunity to talk to students and staff. A reminder to Year 6 families, the secondary school application deadline is 31 October 2021. For more information and to apply for a secondary school place, please visit the City of York Council website: <https://www.york.gov.uk/SecondaryAdmissions>.

We regularly have Teaching Assistant and Midday Supervisor job opportunities available at our schools. You can find the latest vacancies across the Trust on the Pathfinder website: <https://pathfinder.academy/careers/vacancies/>. We have also set up a form for people to register their interest in Teaching Assistant and Midday Supervisor roles and we will be in touch with details when vacancies arise. For more information, please visit: <https://forms.gle/EQa2zPFSWca41MGB7>.

I would like to finish by thanking all families for your continued support for our staff and schools and hope you have a safe and restful half term break.

Yours faithfully,



**Andrew Daly**  
Chief Executive Officer  
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